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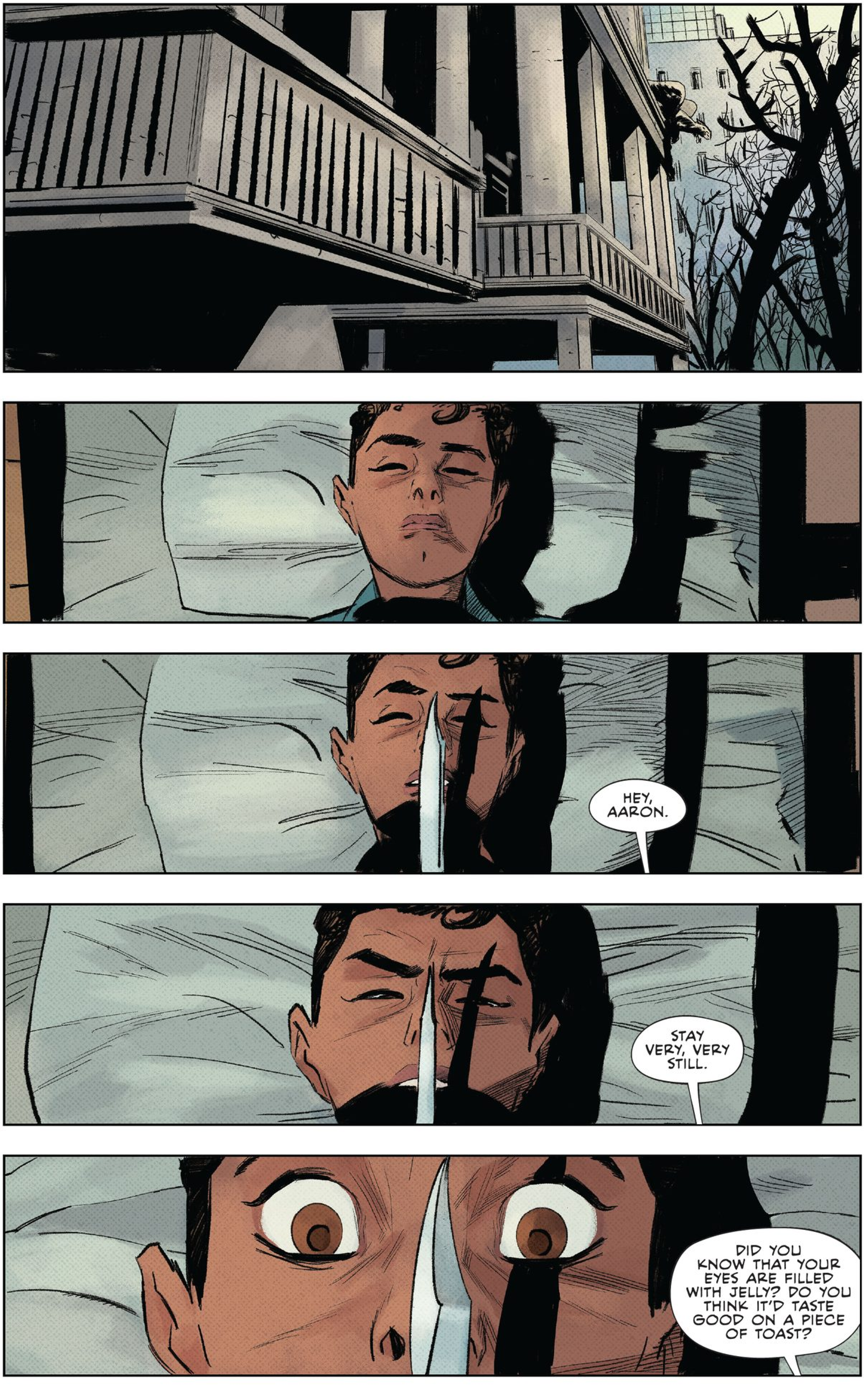
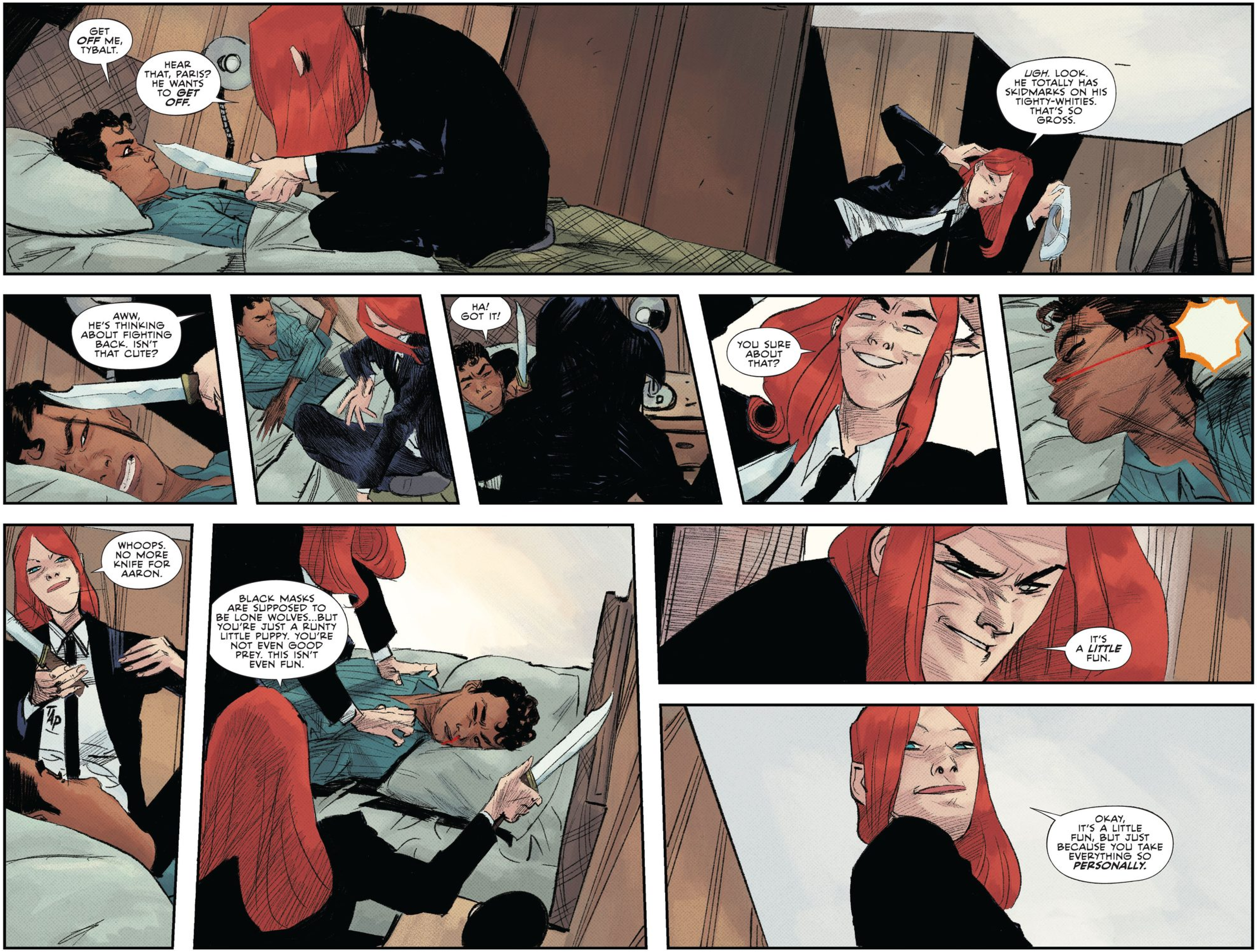
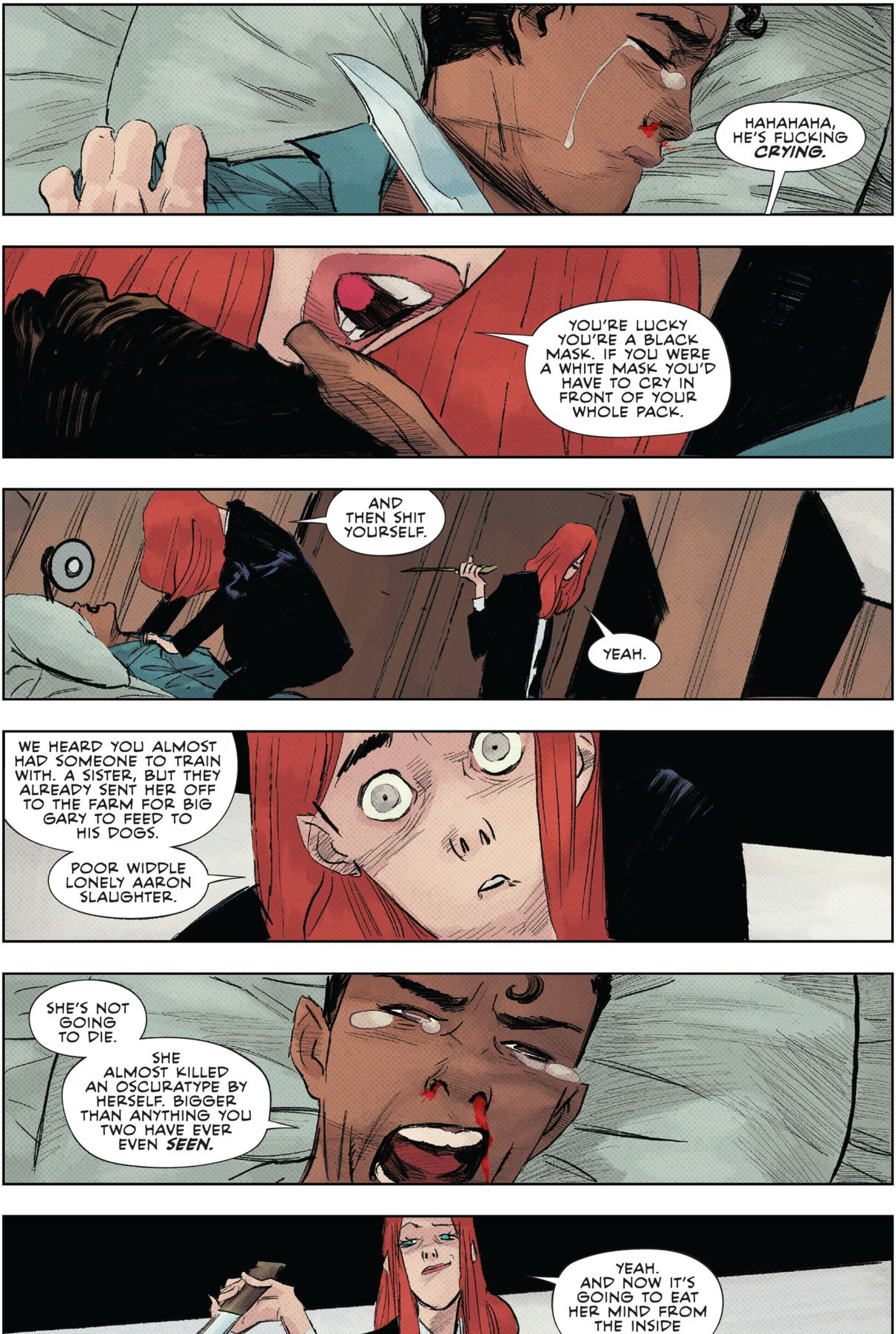
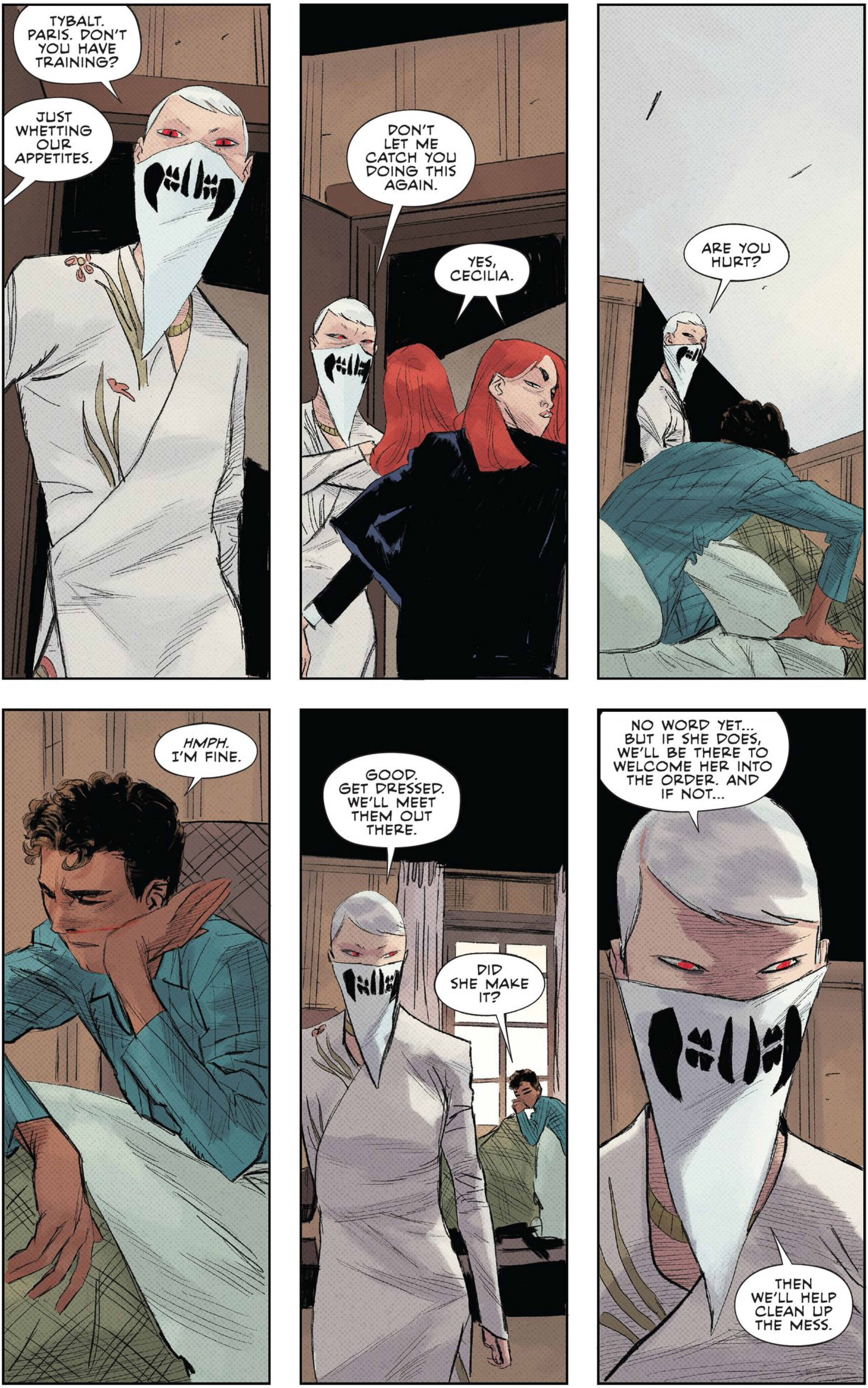

HEY, AARON.
STAY VERY, VERY STILL.
DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR EYES ARE FILLED WITH JELLY? DO YOU THINK IT'D TASTE GOOD ON A PIECE OF TOAST?


GET *OFF* ME, TYBALT.
HEAR THAT, PARIS? HE WANTS TO *GET OFF.*
UGH. LOOK. HE TOTALLY HAS SKIDMARKS ON HIS TIGHTY-WHITIES. THAT'S SO GROSS.
AWW, HE'S THINKING ABOUT FIGHTING BACK. ISN'T THAT CUTE?
HA! GOT IT!
YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
WHOOPS. NO MORE KNIFE FOR AARON.
TAP
BLACK MASKS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE LONE WOLVES...BUT YOU'RE JUST A RUNTY LITTLE PUPPY. YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOOD PREY. THIS ISN'T EVEN FUN.
IT'S A *LITTLE* FUN.
OKAY, IT'S A LITTLE FUN, BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU TAKE EVERYTHING SO *PERSONALLY.*


HAHAHAHA, HE'S FUCKING *CRYING.*
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE A BLACK MASK. IF YOU WERE A WHITE MASK YOU'D HAVE TO CRY IN FRONT OF YOUR WHOLE PACK.
AND THEN SHIT YOURSELF.
YEAH.
WE HEARD YOU ALMOST HAD SOMEONE TO TRAIN WITH. A SISTER, BUT THEY ALREADY SENT HER OFF TO THE FARM FOR BIG GARY TO FEED TO HIS DOGS.
POOR WIDDLE LONELY AARON SLAUGHTER.
SHE'S NOT GOING TO DIE.
SHE ALMOST KILLED AN OSCURATYPE BY HERSELF. BIGGER THAN ANYTHING YOU TWO HAVE EVER EVEN *SEEN.*
YEAH. AND NOW IT'S GOING TO EAT HER MIND FROM THE INSIDE OUT.


TYBALT. PARIS. DON'T YOU HAVE TRAINING?
JUST WHETTING OUR APPETITES.
DON'T LET ME CATCH YOU DOING THIS AGAIN.
YES, CECILIA.
ARE YOU HURT?
HMPH. I'M FINE.
GOOD. GET DRESSED. WE'LL MEET THEM OUT THERE.
DID SHE MAKE IT?
NO WORD YET... BUT IF SHE DOES, WE'LL BE THERE TO WELCOME HER INTO THE ORDER. AND IF NOT...
THEN WE'LL HELP CLEAN UP THE MESS.

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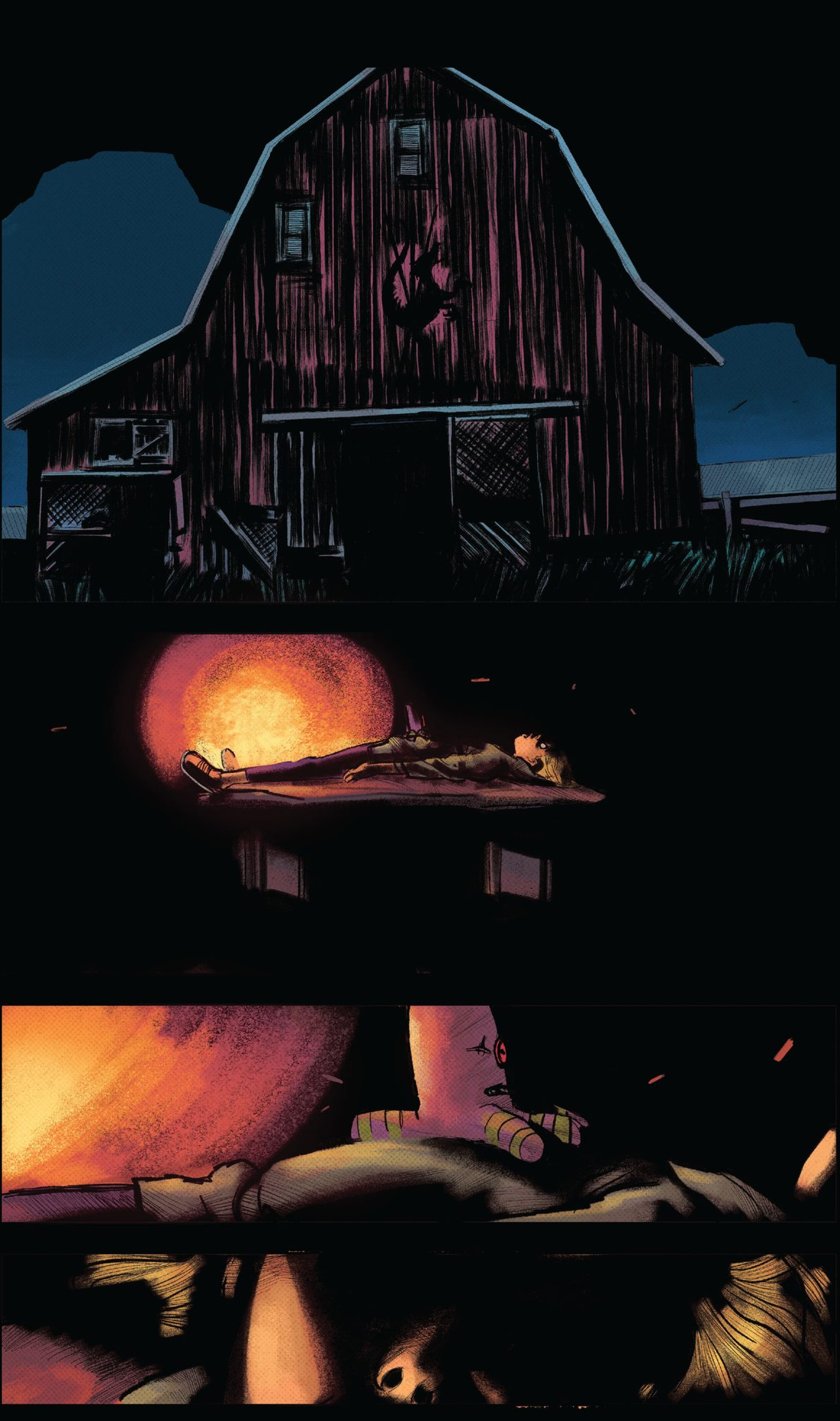

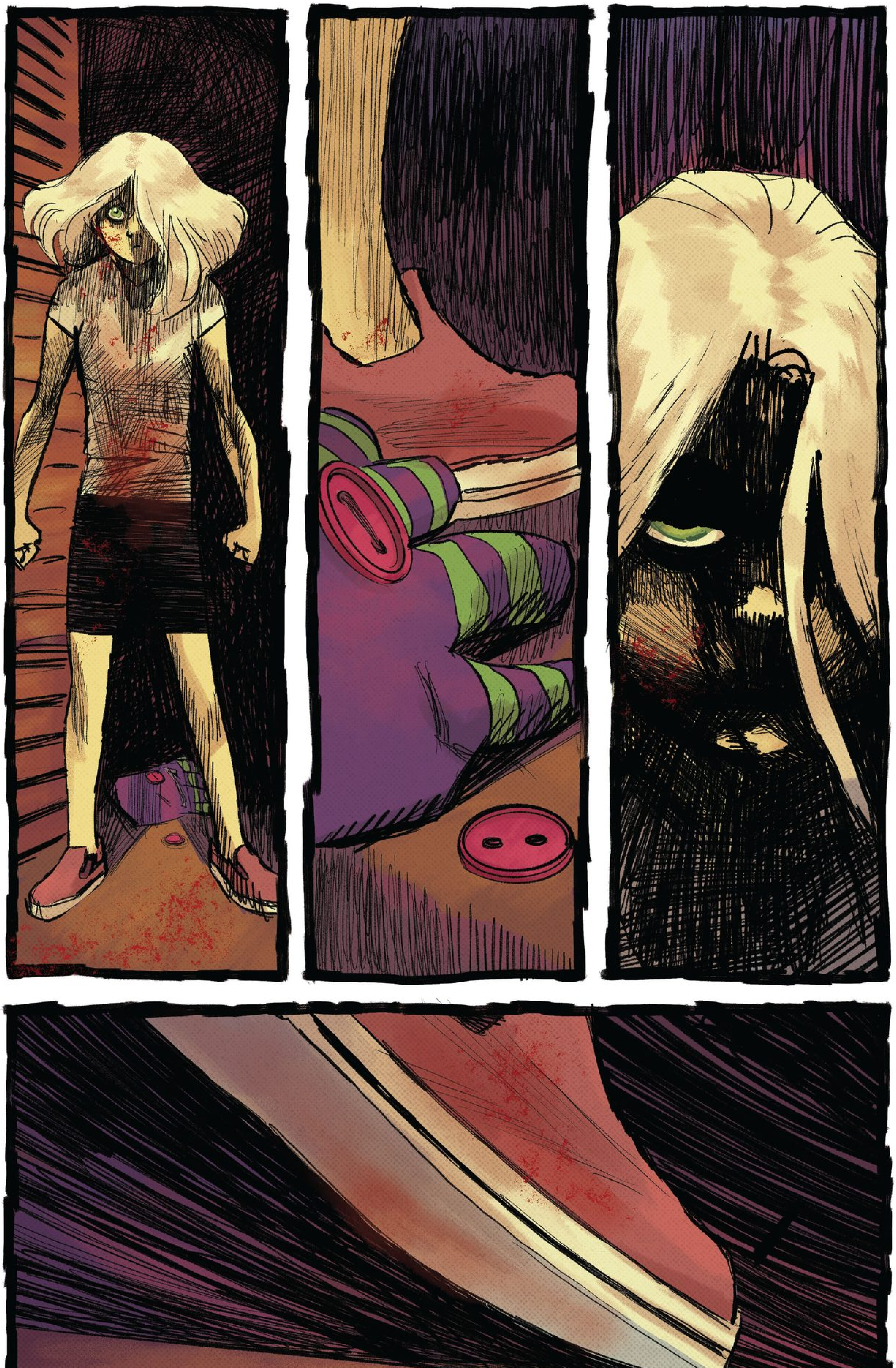

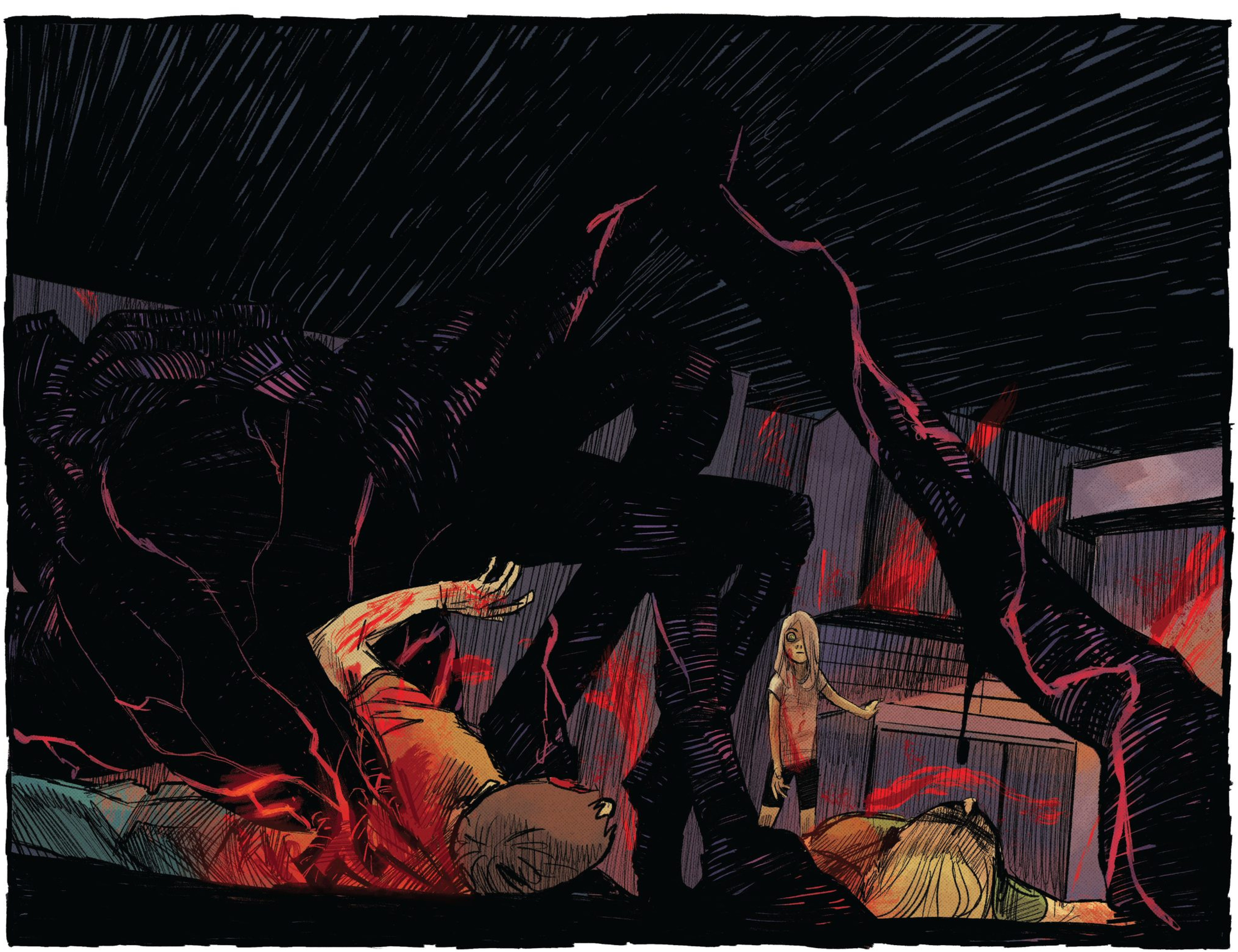

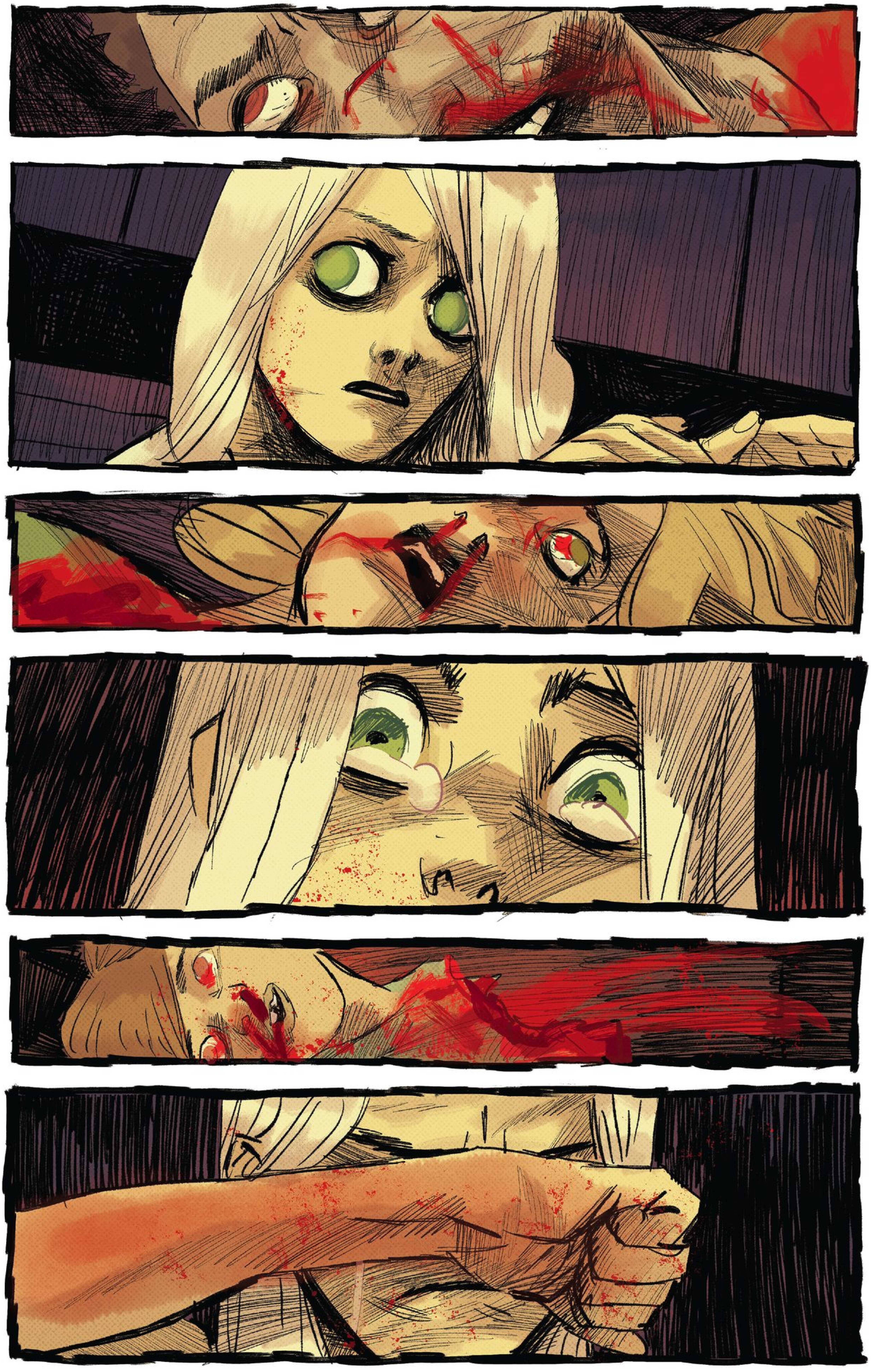

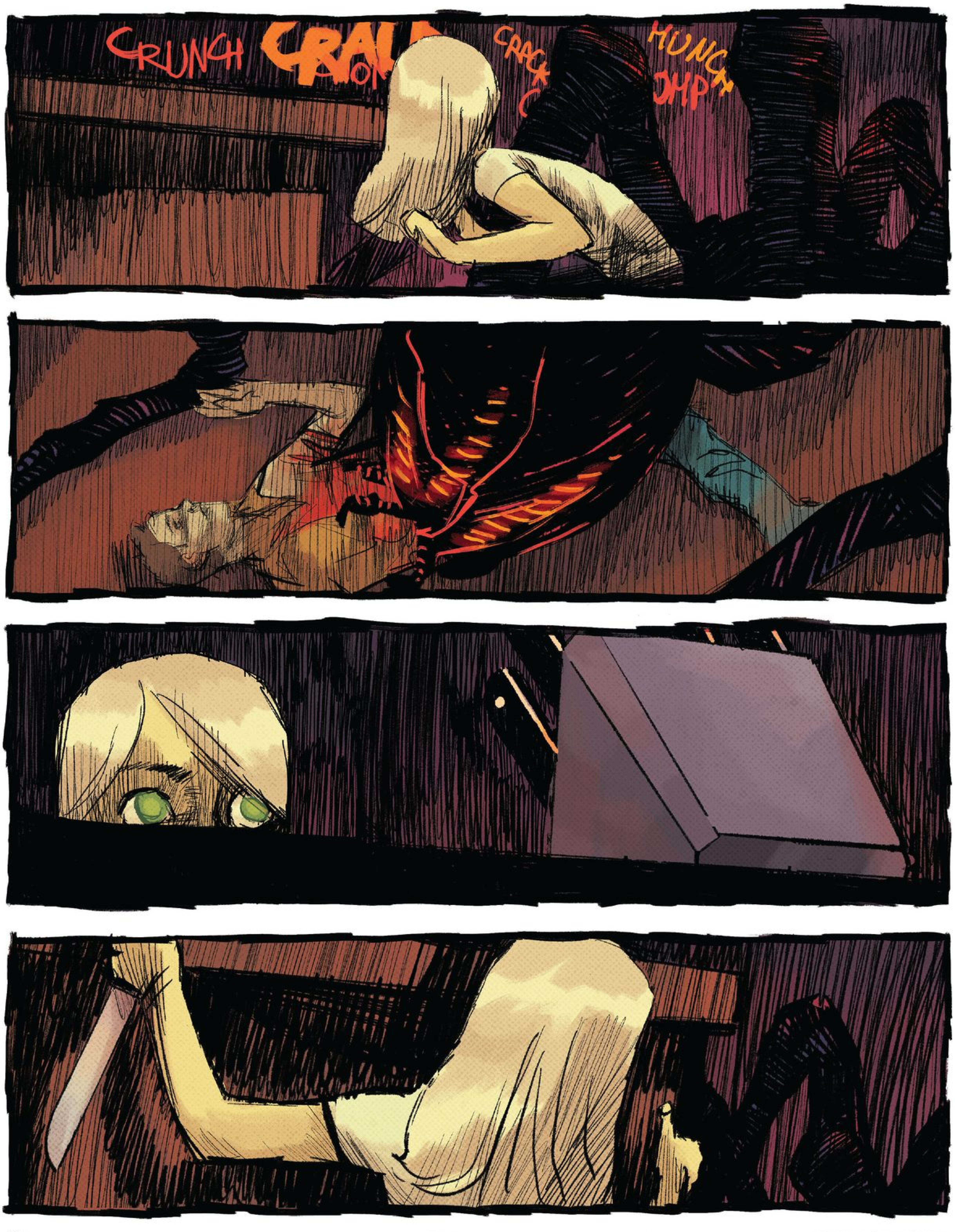
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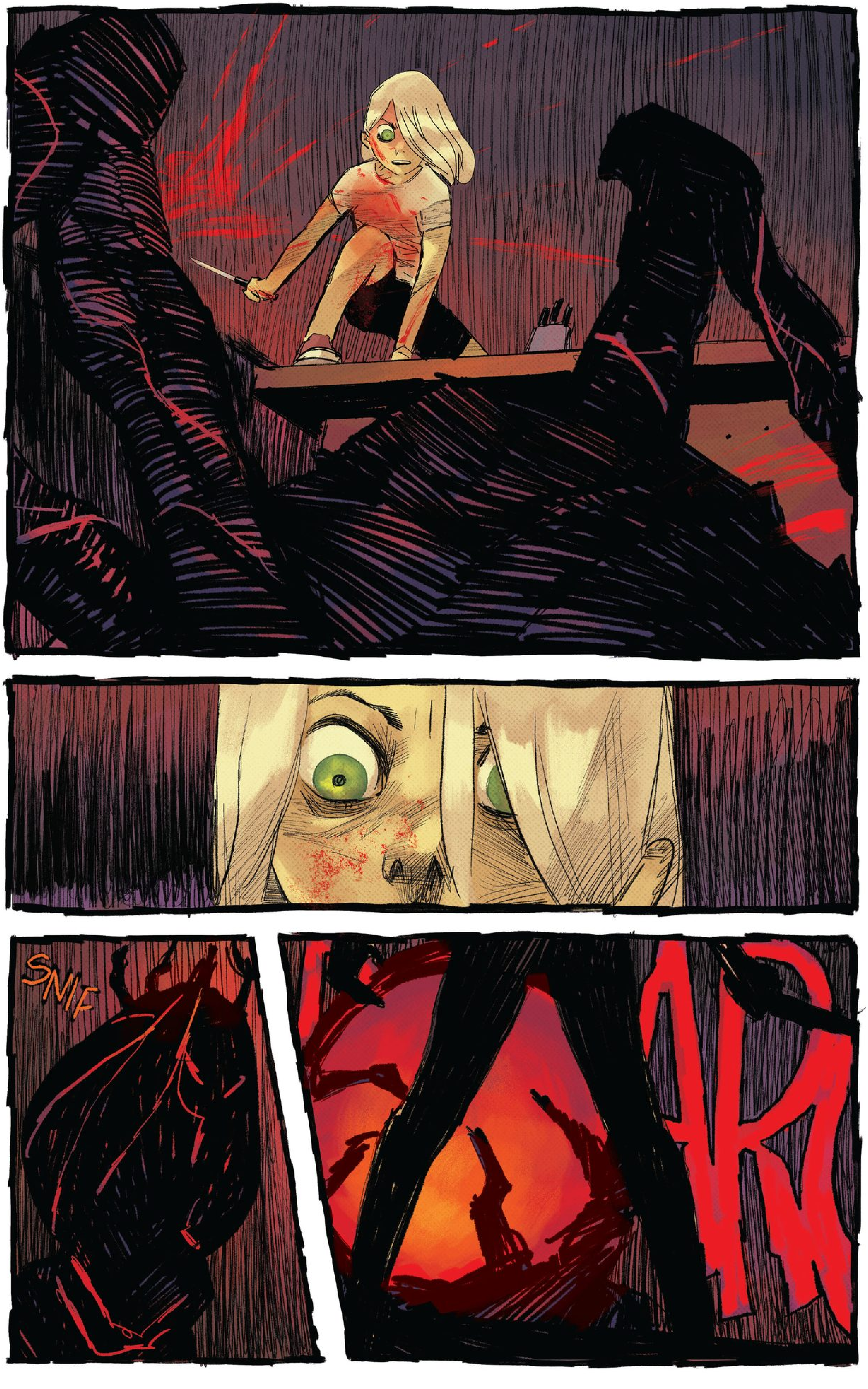
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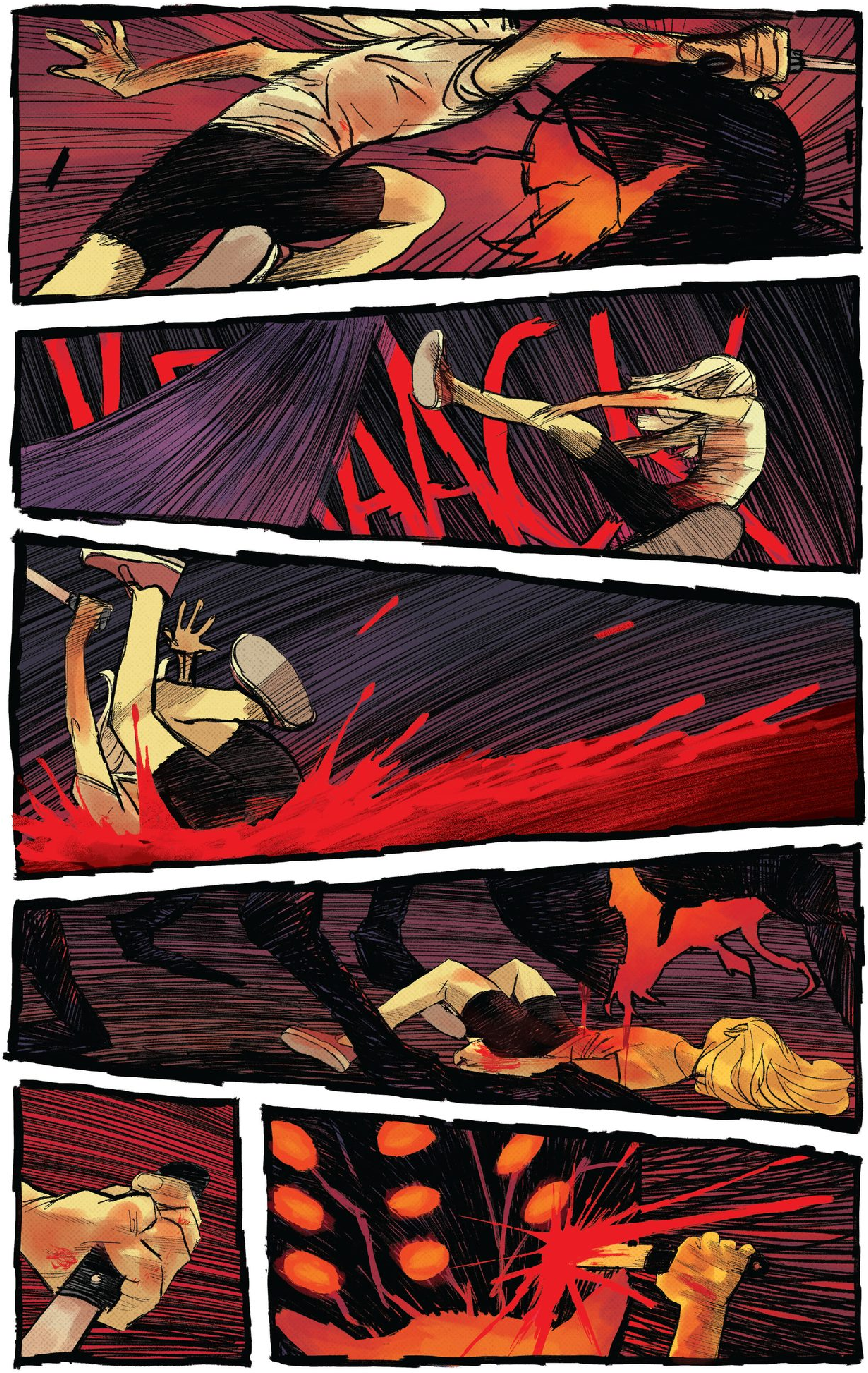
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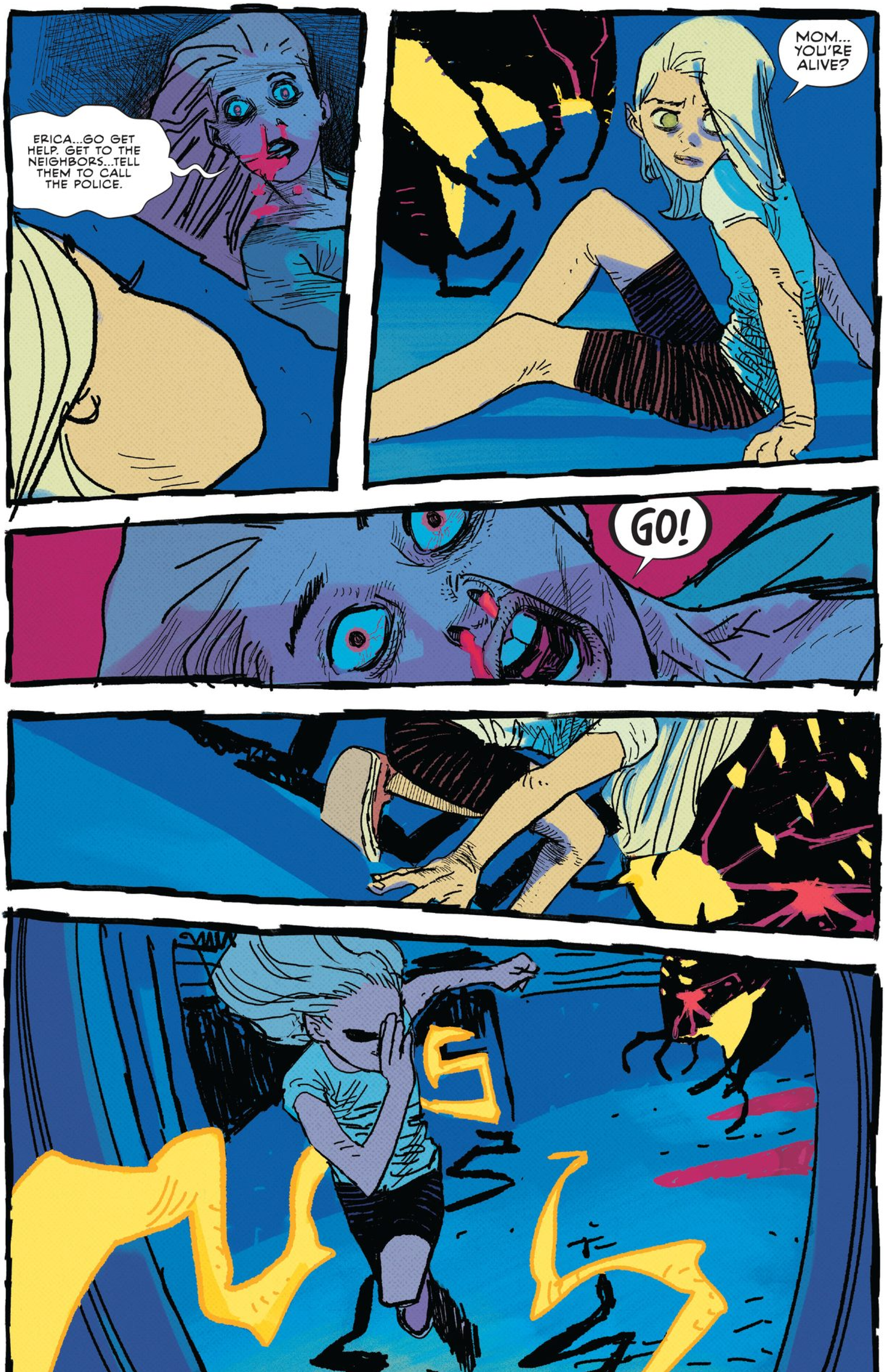
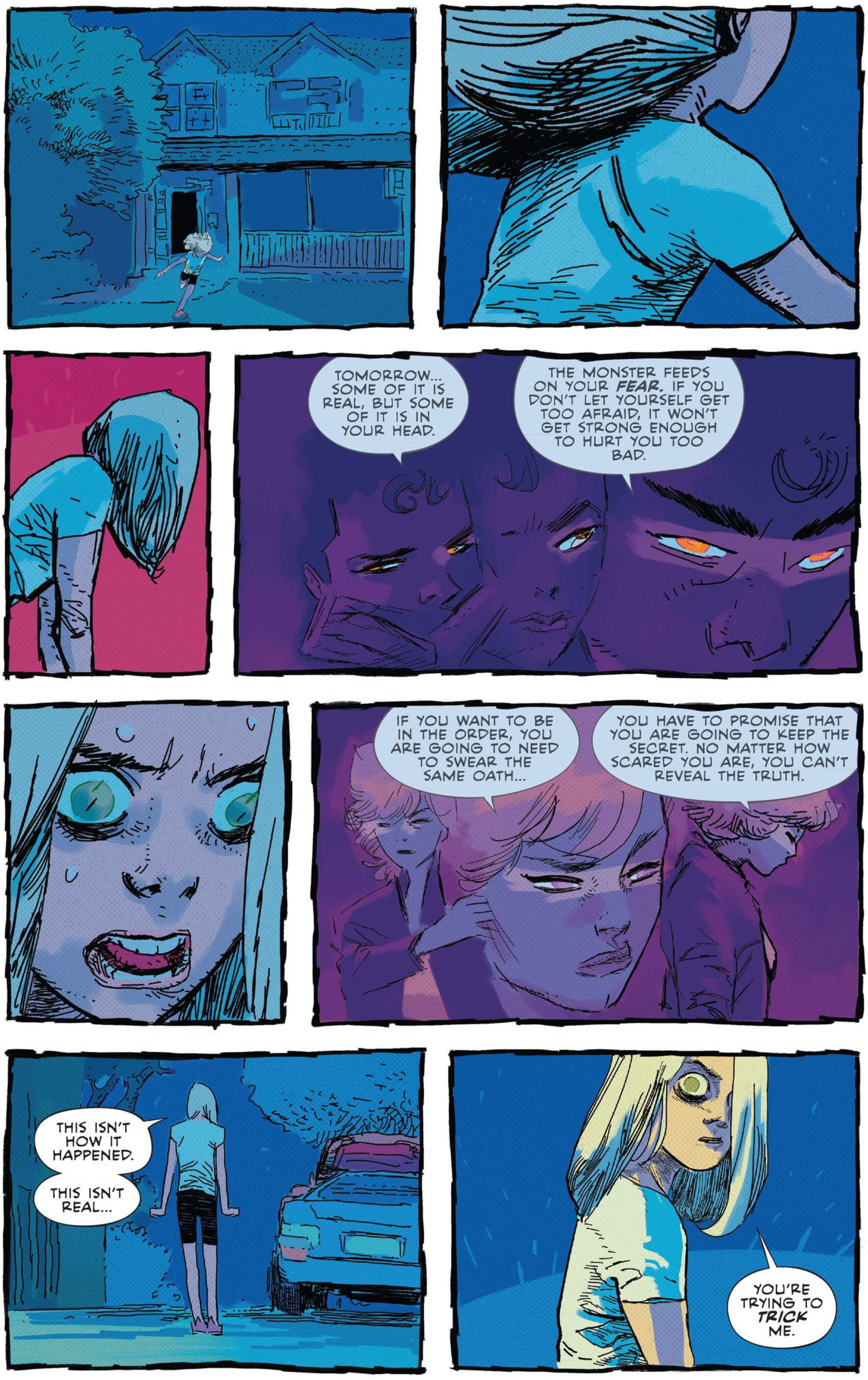
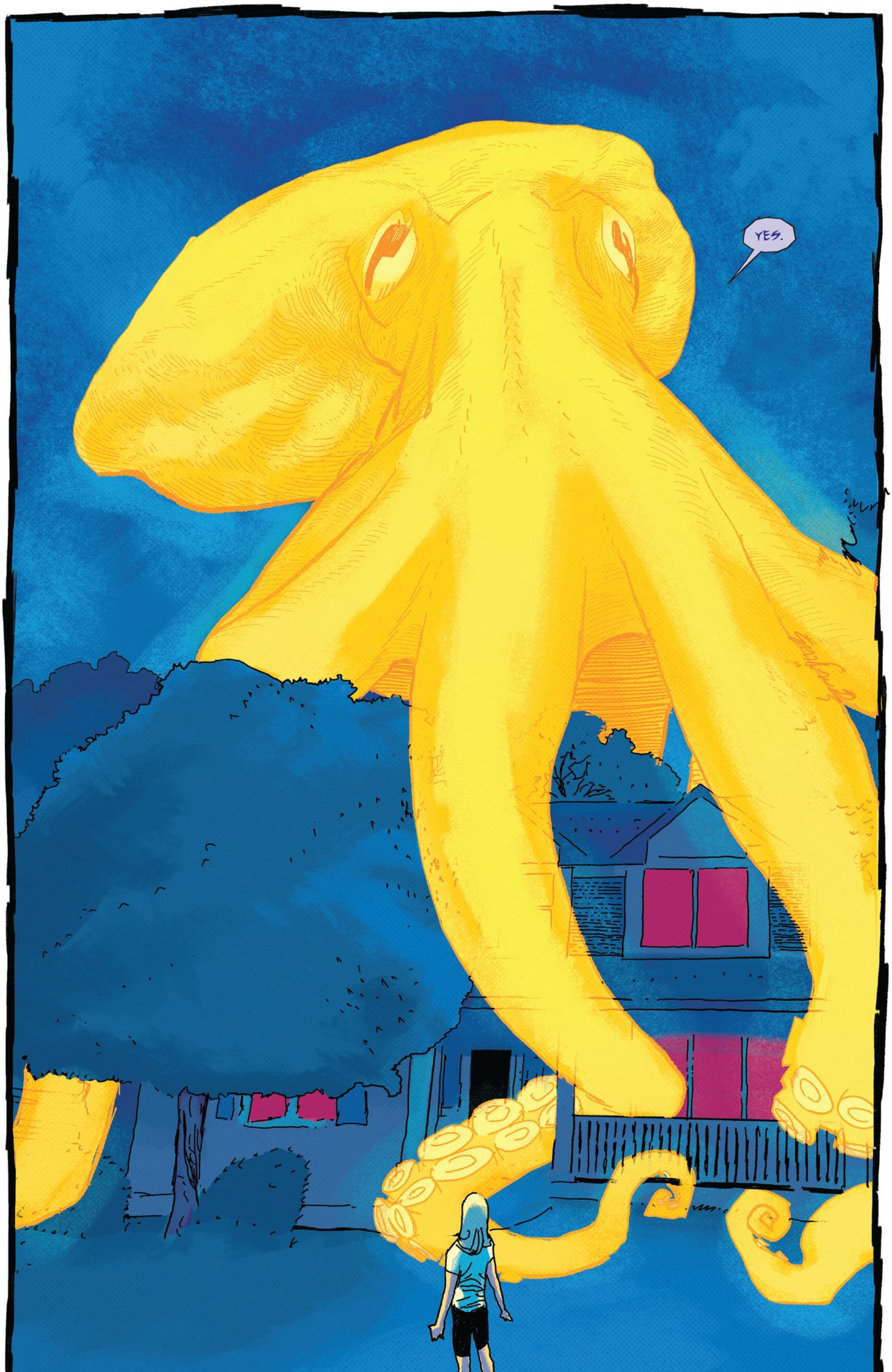

ERICA...GO GET HELP. GET TO THE NEIGHBORS...TELL THEM TO CALL THE POLICE.
MOM... YOU'RE ALIVE?
GO!


TOMORROW... SOME OF IT IS REAL, BUT SOME OF IT IS IN YOUR HEAD.
THE MONSTER FEEDS ON YOUR *FEAR.* IF YOU DON'T LET YOURSELF GET TOO AFRAID, IT WON'T GET STRONG ENOUGH TO HURT YOU TOO BAD.
IF YOU WANT TO BE IN THE ORDER, YOU ARE GOING TO NEED TO SWEAR THE SAME OATH...
YOU HAVE TO PROMISE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO KEEP THE SECRET. NO MATTER HOW SCARED YOU ARE, YOU CAN'T REVEAL THE TRUTH.
THIS ISN'T HOW IT HAPPENED.
THIS ISN'T REAL...
YOU'RE TRYING TO *TRICK* ME.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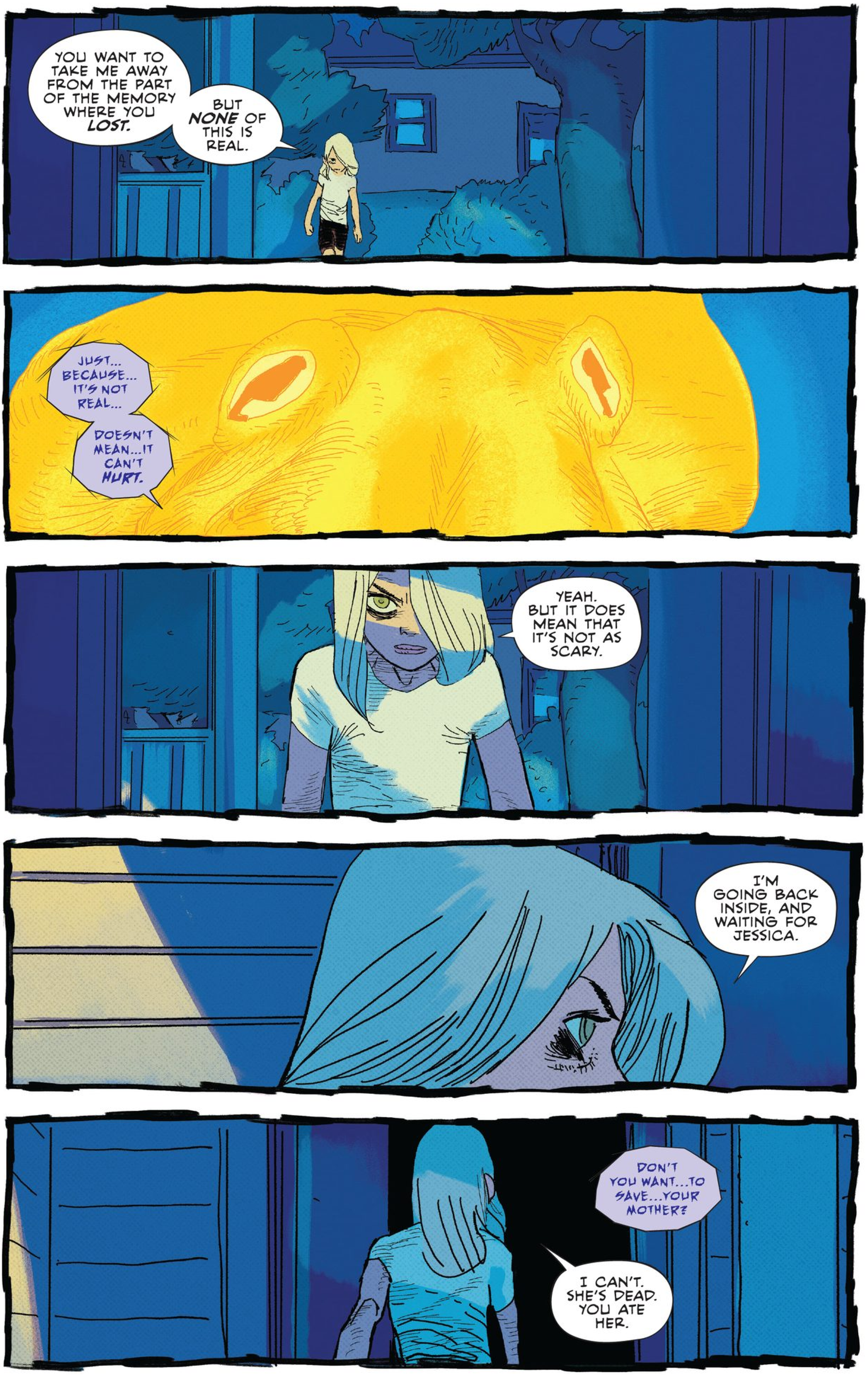
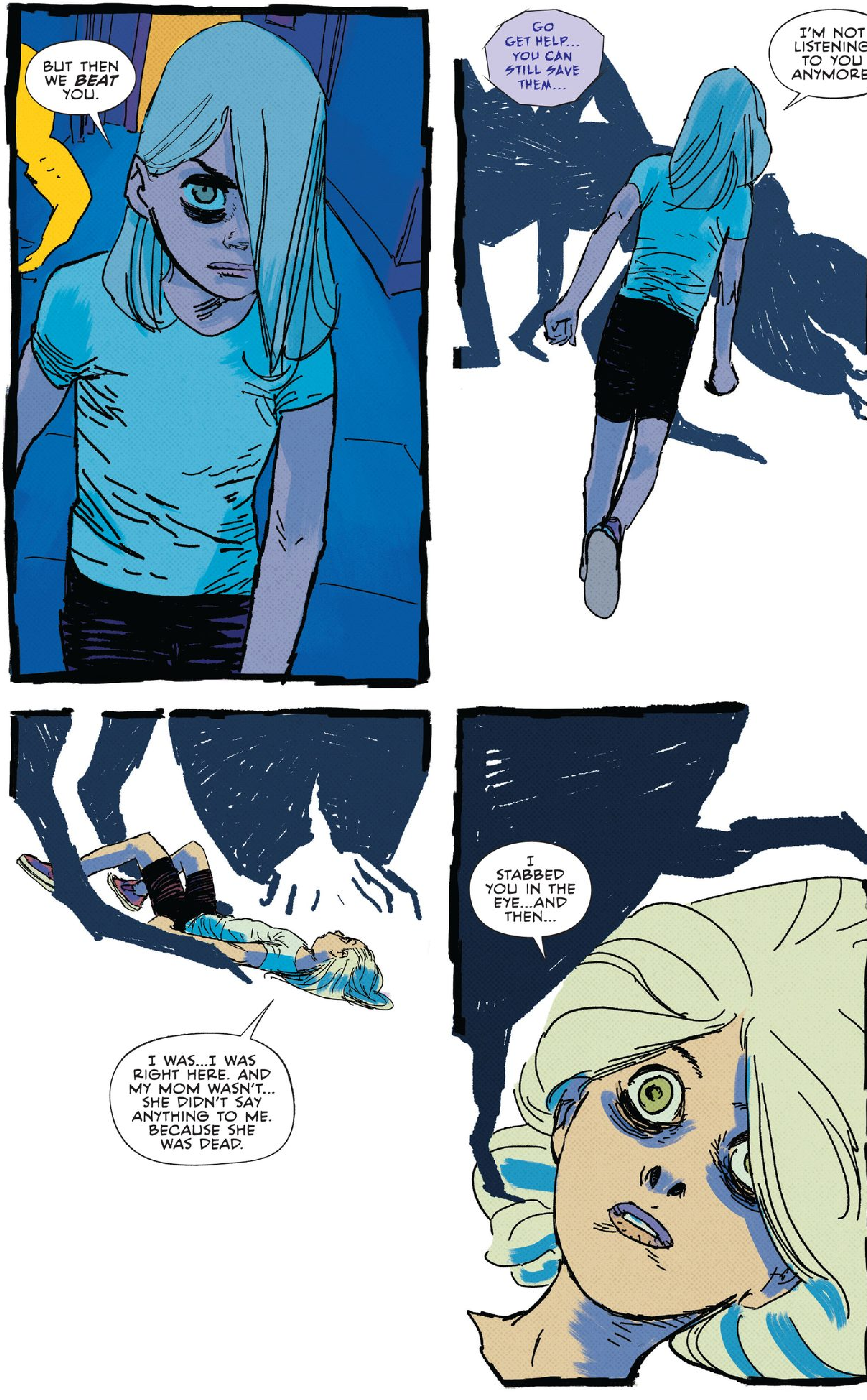
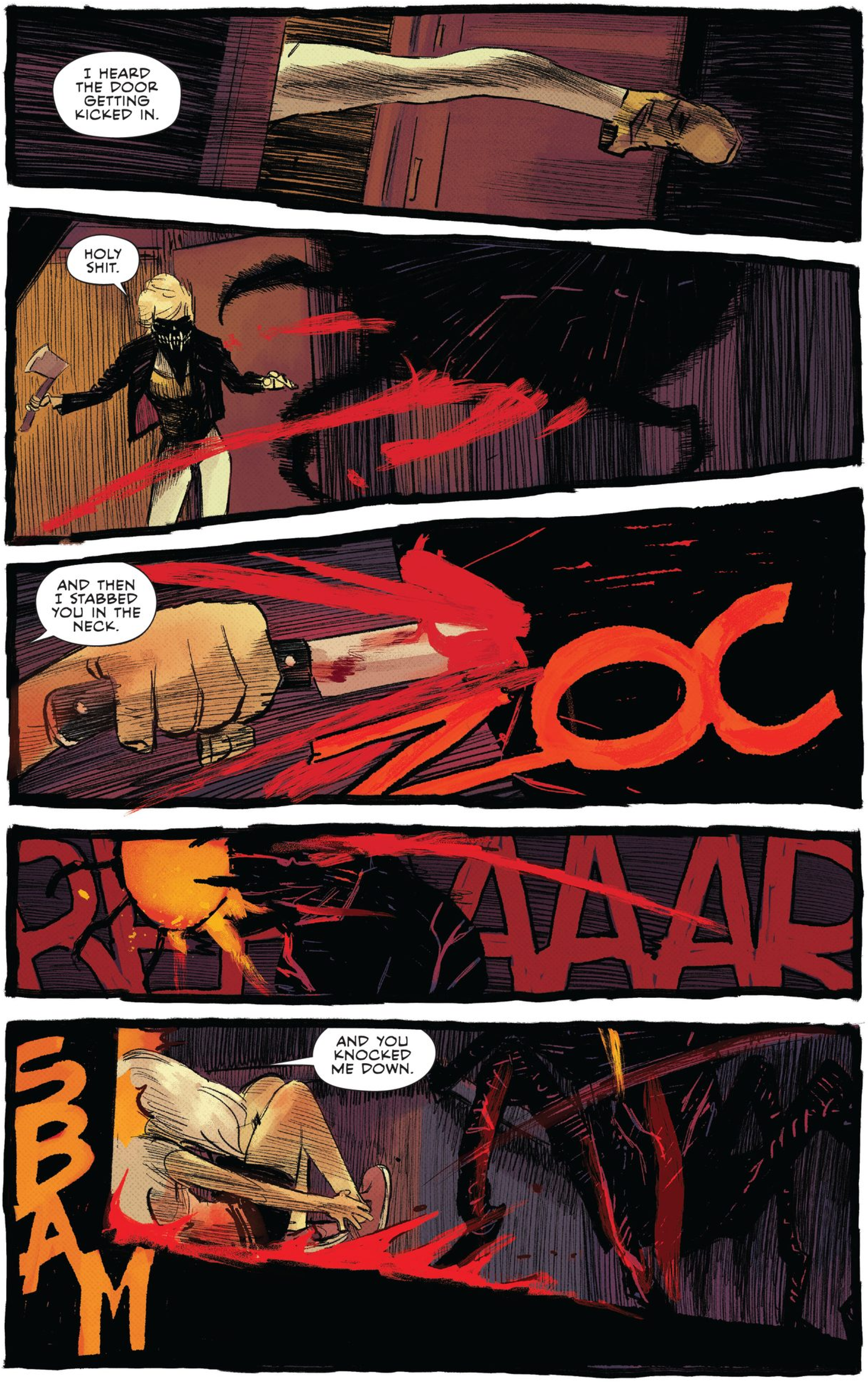

YOU WANT TO TAKE ME AWAY FROM THE PART OF THE MEMORY WHERE YOU *LOST.*
BUT *NONE* OF THIS IS REAL.
JUST... BECAUSE... IT'S NOT REAL...
DOESN'T MEAN...IT CAN'T *HURT.*
YEAH. BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT IT'S NOT AS SCARY.
I'M GOING BACK INSIDE, AND WAITING FOR JESSICA.
DON'T YOU WANT...TO SAVE...YOUR MOTHER?
I CAN'T. SHE'S DEAD. YOU ATE HER.


BUT THEN WE **BEAT** YOU.
GO GET HELP... YOU CAN STILL SAVE THEM...
I'M NOT LISTENING TO YOU ANYMORE.
I WAS...I WAS RIGHT HERE. AND MY MOM WASN'T... SHE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO ME. BECAUSE SHE WAS DEAD.
I STABBED YOU IN THE EYE...AND THEN...


I HEARD THE DOOR GETTING KICKED IN.
HOLY SHIT.
AND THEN I STABBED YOU IN THE NECK.
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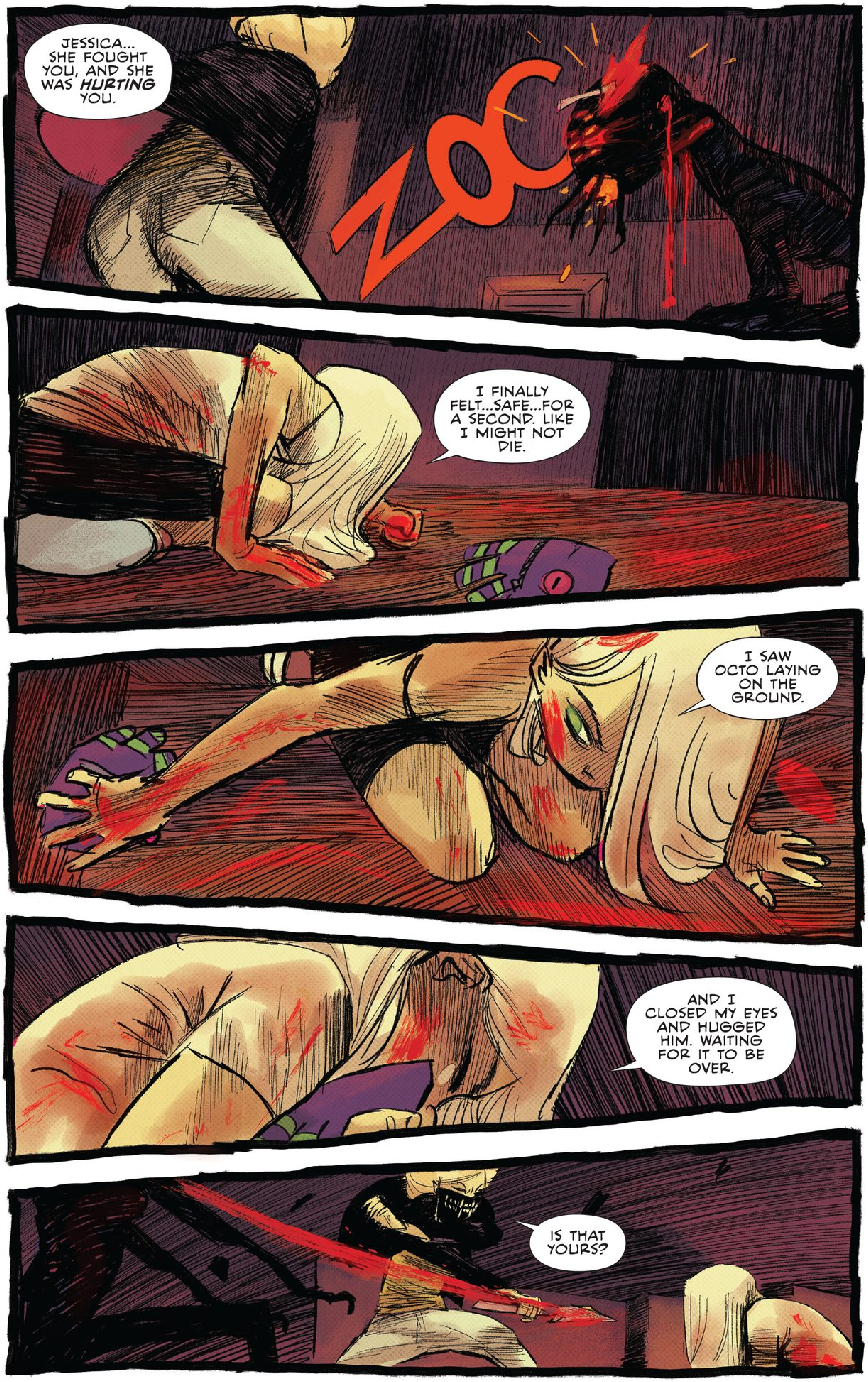
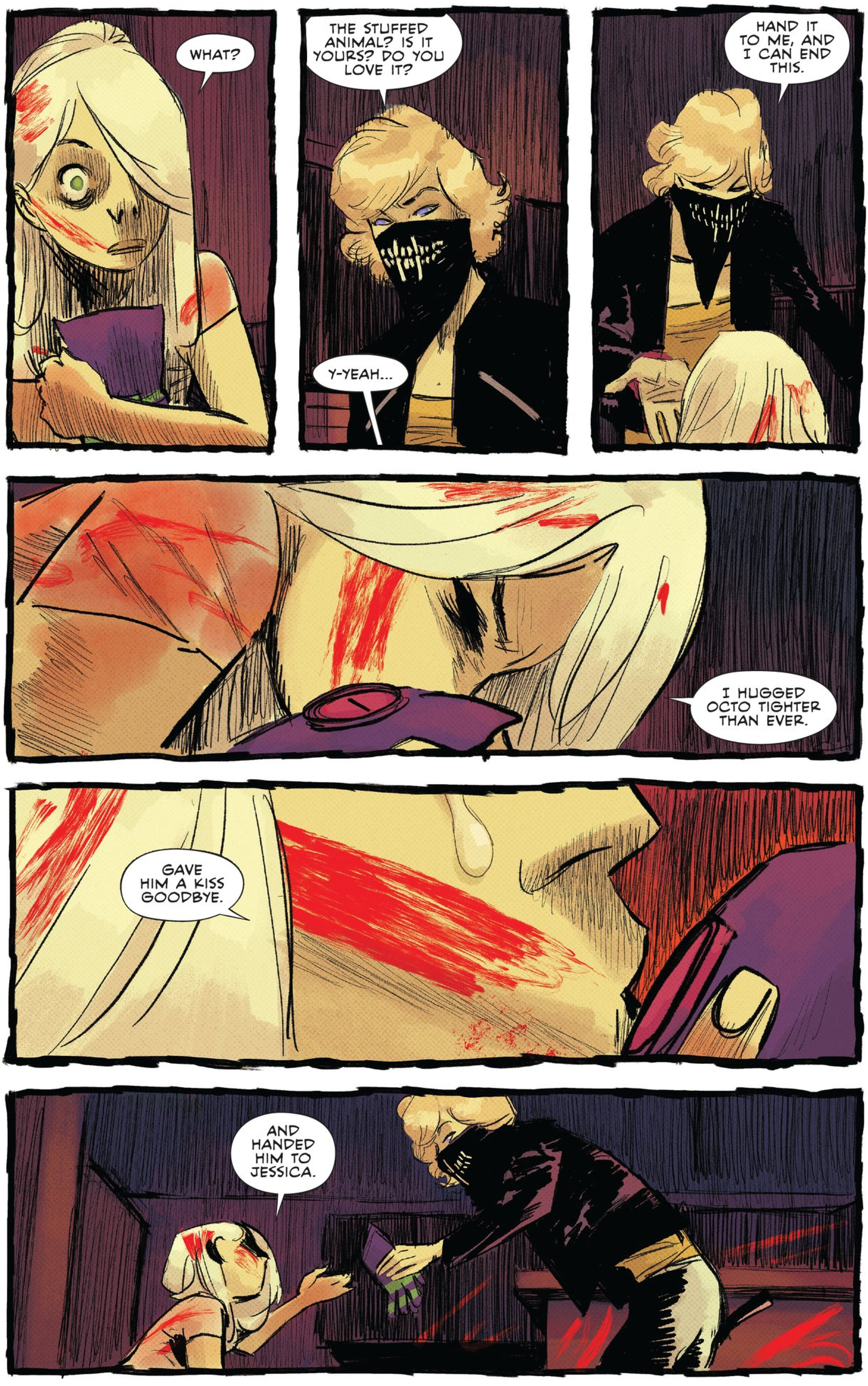
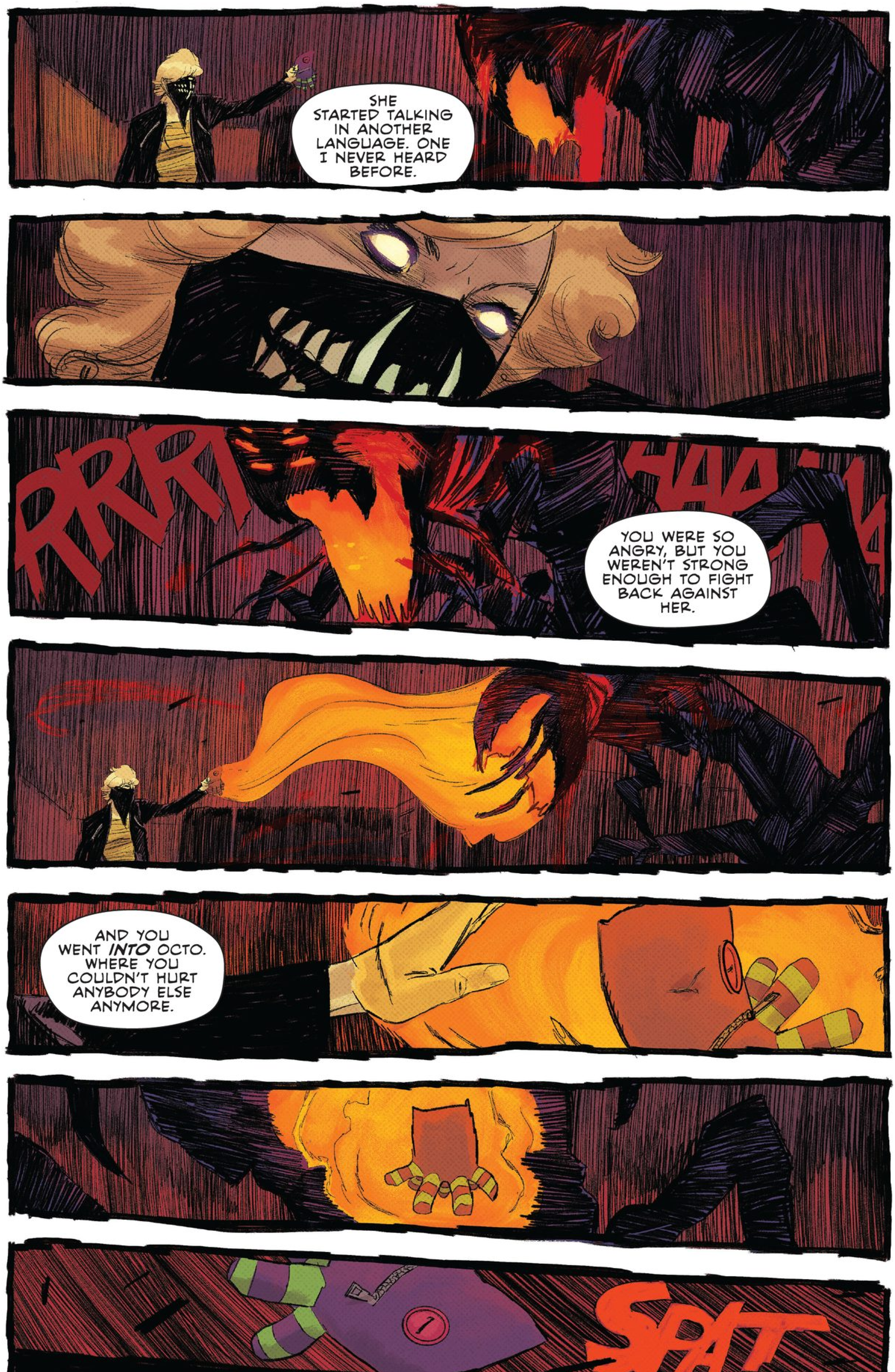
AND YOU KNOCKED ME DOWN.


JESSICA... SHE FOUGHT YOU, AND SHE WAS *HURTING* YOU.
ZOC
I FINALLY FELT...SAFE...FOR A SECOND. LIKE I MIGHT NOT DIE.
I SAW OCTO LAYING ON THE GROUND.
AND I CLOSED MY EYES AND HUGGED HIM. WAITING FOR IT TO BE OVER.
IS THAT YOURS?


WHAT?
THE STUFFED ANIMAL? IS IT YOURS? DO YOU LOVE IT?
Y-YEAH...
HAND IT TO ME, AND I CAN END THIS.
I HUGGED OCTO TIGHTER THAN EVER.
GAVE HIM A KISS GOODBYE.
AND HANDED HIM TO JESSICA.


SHE STARTED TALKING IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE. ONE I NEVER HEARD BEFORE.
RRRR
HAA
YOU WERE SO ANGRY, BUT YOU WEREN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST HER.
AND YOU WENT *INTO* OCTO. WHERE YOU COULDN'T HURT ANYBODY ELSE ANYMORE.
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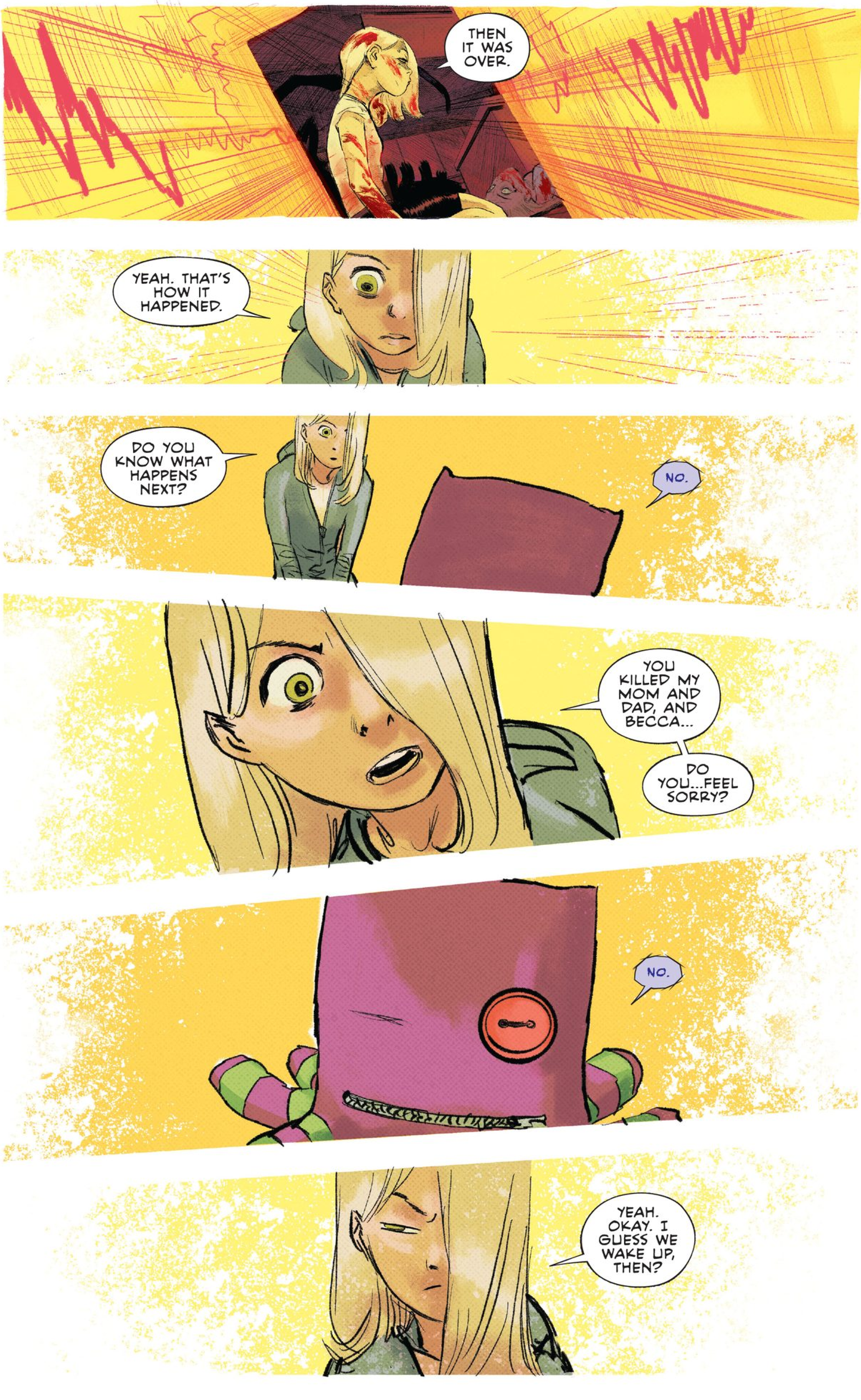
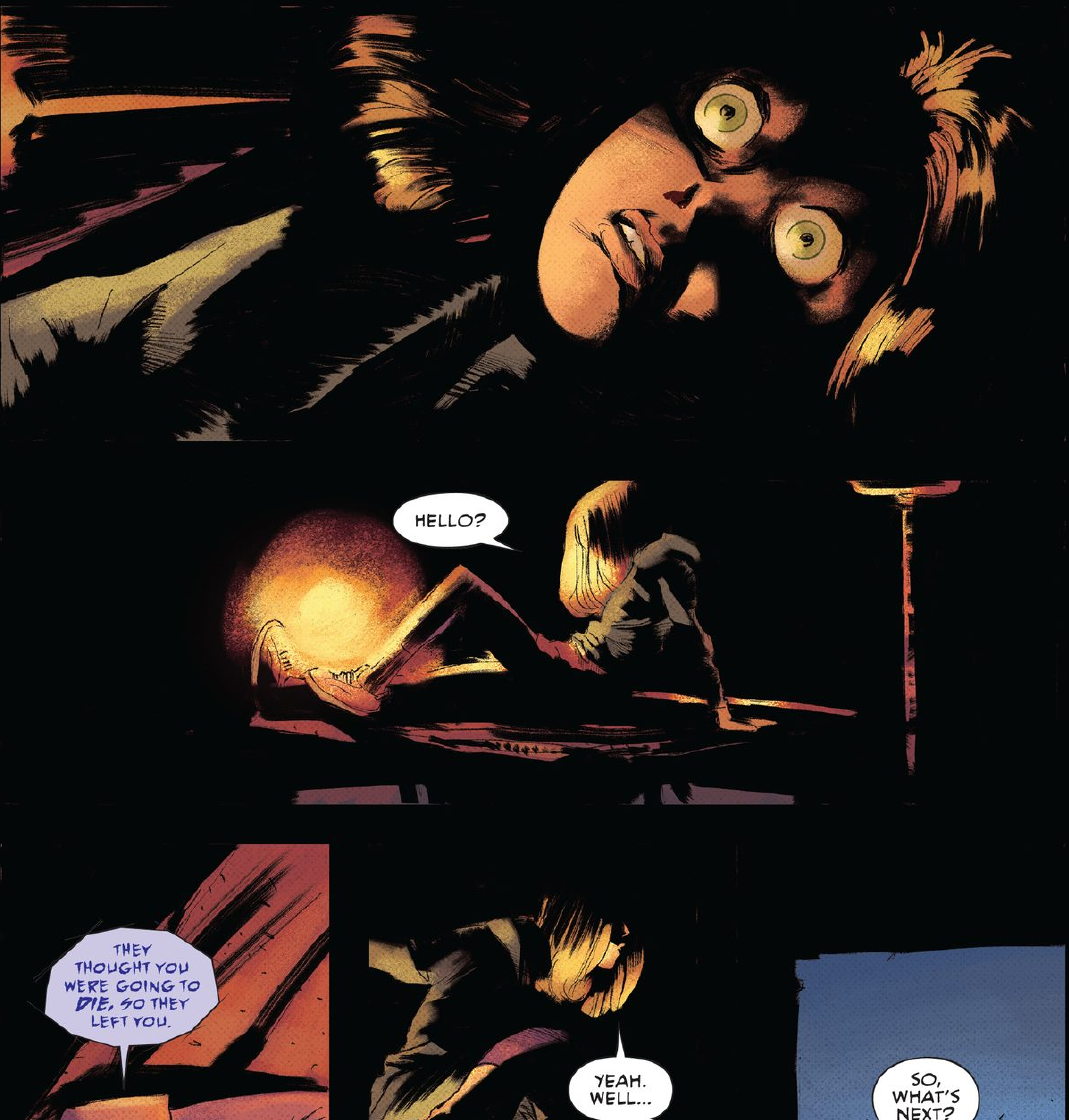

THEN IT WAS OVER.
YEAH. THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
NO.
YOU KILLED MY MOM AND DAD, AND BECCA...
DO YOU...FEEL SORRY?
NO.
YEAH. OKAY. I GUESS WE WAKE UP, THEN?


HELLO?
THEY THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO *DIE*, SO THEY LEFT YOU.
YEAH. WELL...
I DIDN'T.
SO, WHAT'S NEXT?

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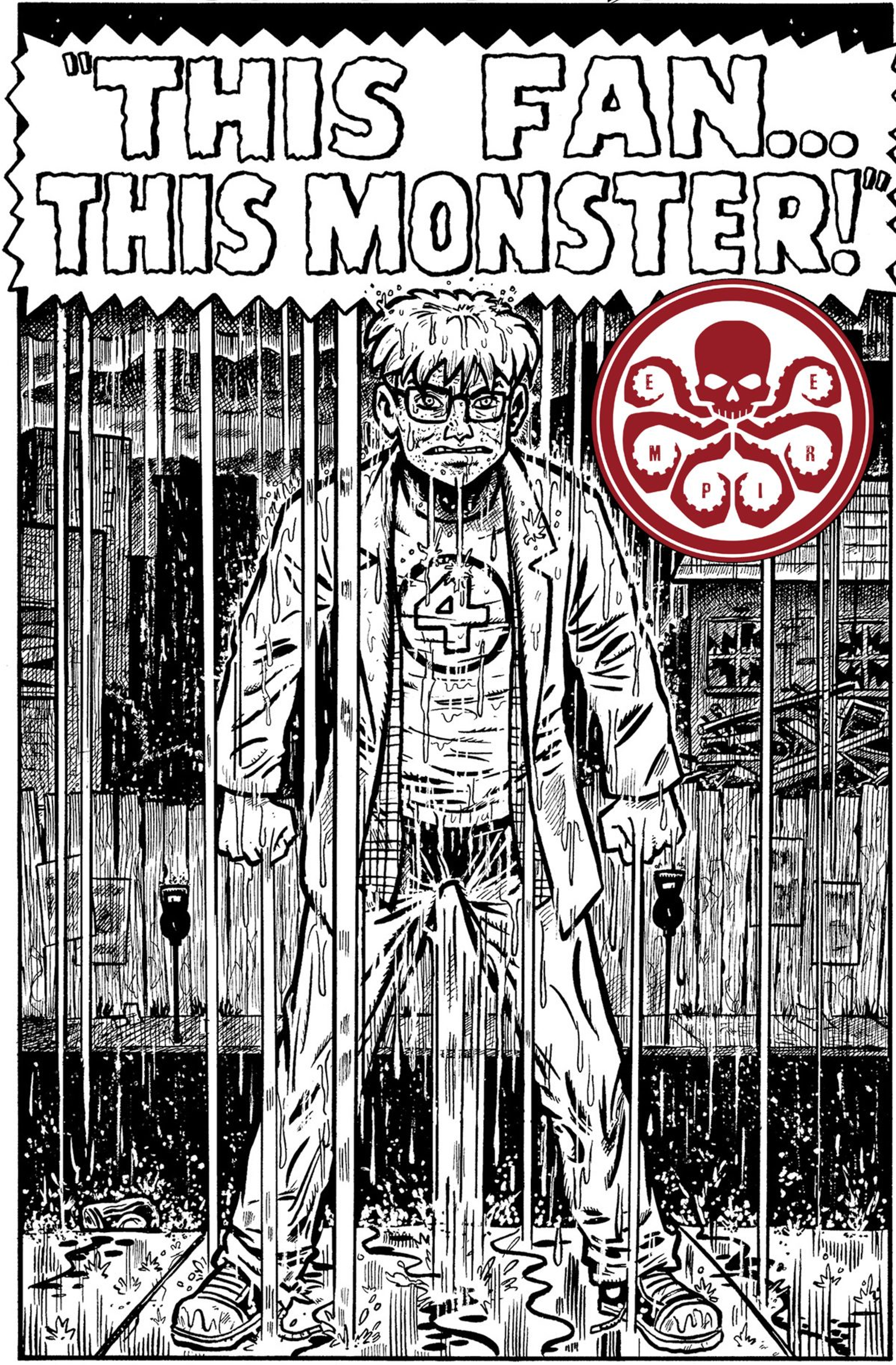
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